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(THE PROMISED MESSIAH)

THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM

The Ahmadiyya Movement was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India, in 1889. He claimed to be the Promised Messiah and to have come in the spirit and power of Jesus, regarding whom he made the startling discovery that he escaped death on the cross, migrated to the east, and conveyed his message to the lost tribes of Israel in Afganistan and Northwestern India, and died a natural death at the ripe old age of 120, and was buried in Srinagar Kashmir, where his tomb is still to be found.

Like all Divinely appointed Teachers, Hazrat Ahmad met with strong opposition from his relatives, co-religionists and compatriots. But despite bitter opposition and persecution, his following increased daily and numbered hundreds of thousands during his very life-time. The movement has now a network of well-organized Missions all over the world, and a number of Mosques built in Europe, America and Africa.

His first Successor was Hazrat Maulvi Nurrudin, a devoted follower; the second was his Promised son, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad and his present Successor is Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, his Promised Grandson.

After the partition of India in 1947, the Headquarters of the Movement moved from Qadian to the newly-built town of Rabwah, West Pakistan.

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THE GRACIOUS, THE MERCIFUL

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SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH, FOUNDER OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM

“Rejoice and frolic in joy because God is with you. If you are true to your faith, angels will instruct you, and tranquility from Heaven will descend upon you and you will be helped with the holy spirit, and God will be with you at every step. Look forward to God’s Grace with patience. Hear abuses and keep silent. Be beaten and show patience and forbearance. Abstain to the best of your capacity, from returning evil for evil, so that you may be accepted in Heaven.

Know it for certain that God is with those who fear God and whose hearts melt in fear of God. God becomes the enemy of the enemy of such people. Man’s eye can not see the sincerity of one’s heart, but God, who is Omni-present and All-Aware, knows who is sincere and truthful, and He saves His sincere servants with His Own Hand. Don’t you love one who loves you with sincere heart, and is truly ready even to die for you, and acts according to your will and sacrifices everything for you? Don’t you love such a one more than others? So, when you, being man, return love for love, how can it be that God will not love you if you love God. God knows fully well who actually is His friend and who is faithless and gives preference to the world. Hence, if you be faithful, God’s hand will show a discrimination between you and others.”

(Tazkiratush-Shahadatain, p 66)

Two Things for Happiness

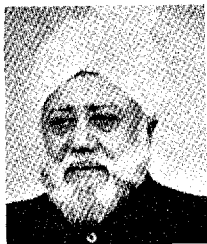
"Man needs two things for his happiness — one is short worldly life, free from dangers and distresses, hardships and trials, and the other is deliverance from sin, transgression and spiritual diseases that separate him and keep him away from God. In short, the happiness of the world consists in security and protection from physical as well as spiritual calamities and impure and disgraceful existence . . . , and the happiness of the Hereafter is also the outcome of the happiness of this world. If one achieves happiness in this world, it is indicative of the fact that he will have happiness in the Hereafter, too."

(Malfuzat, Vol. IV, p. 202-3)

MESSAGE OF THE HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM, HAZRAT KHALIFATUL-MASIH III to

The 24th Annual Convention
of the Ahmadi Muslims in America
Held on September 3, 4 and 5 in Washington, D.C.

My Dear Brethren who are dearer to me than my own life,
Assalamu Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu!



KHALIFATUL-MASIH III

I am exceedingly glad to learn that you have assembled here to spend a few days together, and to hear the Word of Allah and His Prophet. May Allah shower His special blessings and grace upon your gathering in such a manner that when you return from here, you may not return in the same spiritual condition in which you came here, but in an improved one! Spend your time here in remembrance of Allah, in additional prayers and supplications, so that, Allah's unlimited blessings may be showered upon you. Amen!

We should always have in view that the purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, is to revive Islam, so that, the nations of the world may be illumined with its light, and mankind bow down before their One Unique God; that the West and the East be delivered from the darkness of disbelief and misguidance, and be enlightened with the light of the sun of truth.

This may appear to be difficult today, but it shall come to pass, for, the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, has said: "The time is near when all the other religions will cease to exist except Islam . . . and all weapons will be broken except the Heavenly weapon of Islam, which shall never break, nor shall become blunt until it has extirpated the evil of the Anti-Christ. The time is near when the true Unity of God — which even those, living in the desert and unacquainted with any religious teaching, can realize — will spread all over the world, and there shall be no men-devised atonement and no men-made God, and one single act of God will destroy all the devices of the disbelievers — but not with any sword, nor with any gun, but with the light showered upon the soul capable of receiving it . . . Then all that I say now will be realized." (Istihar, Jan. 13, 1897)

God has, by His Grace, enlightened your gifted souls and has shed a light into your pure hearts — a blessing too great to adequately express gratitude for. Through Allah's Grace, we discern that the Day of the Victory and Triumph of Islam is near. To bring it nearer, we are to put forth all possible efforts, and make every kind of sacrifice, under one organization — the Organization of Khilafat. We and our efforts are nothing. But Allah has endued Khilafat with great blessings. Through Khilafat, Allah blesses our humble efforts with His Grace, and produces most satisfactory results thereof.

Our late Spiritual Leader, Hazrat Muslih Maud, Khilifatul-Masih II, Allah be pleased with him, says:

"Look, we are propagating Islam all the world over. But have you ever pondered how this propagation is being done? It is being done only through the blessings of Khilafat. There is a Center at which all those who have love of Islam in their hearts, have gathered together, and under it they are making collective efforts for the victory and revival of Islam. Apparently, they appear to be a few individuals, but there has developed among them a power that can accomplish great deeds. Even as, water falls from the sky in drops, and then the same drops form into streamlets, and then the same streamlets form into a flowing river, we, too, are gaining ever-increasing strength and power . . . The reason is only that Allah has blessed us with Khilafat."

(The Alfazl, March 28, 1957)

So establish a deep and personal relation with Khilafat, and cooperate fully with its representatives, so that, communal uniformity, unity and harmony may draw Allah's special Grace and Favor.

The Ahmadiyya Community consists of people of all kinds — rich and poor, black and white, easterners as well as westerners. But because of a new bond of fraternity and brotherhood, they are all brothers. The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says:

“Now a new brotherhood and a new fraternity has been established among you. The previous state of isolation and apathy is gone. Allah has established this Community in which there are all kinds of people — rich, poor, young and old. Hence, it is incumbent upon the poor to respect their rich brothers, and it is incumbent upon the rich to help their poor brothers, and not to look down upon them, for they are their brothers. Although we have different physical fathers, yet our Spiritual Father is one and the same, and we are branches of the same tree.” (Malfuzat, Vol. III)

He further says:

“If you wish that God be pleased with you in Heaven, be mutually so united as two brothers born of the same womb.”
(Kishti Noa)

So, be always united and endeavor in a body to achieve the Great Objective we have before us. But we cannot succeed in achieving our Purpose without Allah’s help and succor; and to win Allah’s help, it is essential for us to be highly righteous and always to fear Allah’s displeasure, and to bring about a holy change and a righteous transformation in our lives, so that, we may attract Allah’s help and succor.

Addressing his followers, the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says:

“Many times it has been revealed to me that you should be extremely God-fearing, and should act upon the fine points of righteousness, and then God will be with you. It pains me very much to think what I can do to make my Jamaat (Community) take to true righteousness and purity of conduct. I pray so much that, as a result of prayer, I become victim of extreme weakness . . . Until one becomes righteous in the eyes of God, one cannot have God’s help and succor.”

(Alhakm, Vol. III, p. 22)

MESSAGE OF THE VAKILUTTAKSHIR
(Director of Foreign Missions)

**to The 24th Annual Ahmadiyya Muslim's Convention
in America**

Dear Brethren,

Assalamo Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

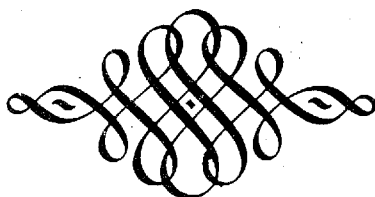
I am very happy to learn that you are meeting together in your annual conference to see how Islam can progress through you.

Islam can progress through you only if you become Muslims in the true sense. In fact, this is the object for which the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has been raised amongst us. To throw away hypocrisy and to worship Allah sincerely is what we are called upon to do.

We can become true Muslims only when our thoughts and actions correspond to what the Holy Quran has taught us and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be on Him) has shown us. So to this end we must turn ourselves. Let us examine our hearts and weed out whatever wrong ideas we find there. Again let us examine our actions to make them in line with the teachings of the Holy Quran. When we have done this the people around us will themselves be attracted towards Islam and enter its fold.

I earnestly pray that everyone from amongst you may resolve to do so and God Almighty may enable you to work this change in your lives. Amen.

Mirza Mibarak Ahmad
Vakiluttahshir



DISCOURSES OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL-MASIH III THE PRESENT HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY

Given at Islamabad, the Capital of Pakistan, on August 15

Sitting among some friends after Sunset Prayer, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that, to realize the truth of a Divinely appointed Reformer, mere reasons and arguments are not sufficient. It is Allah's constant help and succor with him that proves his truth beyond all doubts. Allah showers His Grace and Bounty on him, and his handful of followers increase and progress through Allah's Mercy and Grace.

We find this truth manifestly demonstrated during the 52 years of Khilafat of Hazrat Muslih-Maud (the Promised Reformer), the Second Successor of the Promised Messiah, peace and blessing of Allah be on him. Successful propagation of Islam all the world over, during His time is clear proof of the fact that Allah's help and succor was always with him. Through his wise leadership the Ahmadiyya Jamat (Community) has multiplied from thousands to hundreds of thousands. Progress of Islam during this period reminds us of the early days of Islam. Referring to his own tour over West Africa, and the resultant impetus in the activities of the Jamat and its consequent rapid progress, he said it was also due to the blessings of Khilafat and not to any personal merit of his.

Continuing, he said that, despite vehement opposition, cruel persecution, and insurmountable obstacles placed by the opponent in the ways of its activities, the Ahmadiyya Jamaat has always been proceeding forward, undaunted and without any pause, towards its goal of establishing the supremacy of Islam and the exalted position of its Founder, the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him. Opponents think that by burning our houses and ravaging our properties, they will cow us down or impede our progress, but history bears witness that the greater was the opposition to the Jamat, the greater was its progress, too. We never stop on our onward journey, nor turn back at opposition; we always look forward to the Bright Future of Islam, and our steps are always moving ahead, and, through Allah's Grace, are always being crowned with success.

Speaking of worldly honor, he said, it is temporary, and it is the way of the world that the higher it raises one, the greater is the force with which it throws one down. Man's welfare lies in constantly being in a state of prostration at the Divine Threshold. God has no physical relationship with anyone that one should go on doing whatever one likes and still

Allah should love him. It never happens so. To win Divine Favor, one has to make efforts and sacrifices. So we should pray that Allah grant us capacity to struggle hard and make sacrifices and that His Favor, His Grace and His Support be always with us. Amen!

Continuing this discourse, he further said that the Muslims are fortunate to have a bright future. Allah has promised them the victory of Islam all over the world. But non-Ahmadi Muslims are indifferent to this Divine Promise. In truth, the Good Fortune of attaining this Victory is destined for the Promised Mahdi and Messiah and his Jamaat. We are nothing and have no importance; we are mere particles of dust. It is through His Grace that Allah has selected us for the exaltation of Islam, and has enabled us to offer sacrifice of life and property in this Great and Sublime Jihad (struggle) for making Islam prevail all the world over. Rewarding our humble efforts, He is granting extraordinary progress to Islam. It is all through Allah's Grace and Favor, otherwise we have no hand in it. Allah, through His Grace, has been opening new avenues, for the propagation of Islam and more manifest signs of Victory of Islam are appearing on the horizon.

Speaking on the discovery in recent years of the shroud that wrapped the wounded body of Jesus (peace be on him), which has in it his negative and stains of his blood, Hazrat said: "Before this discovery, the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, declared that Jesus, peace be on him, did not die on the cross. Now this discovery of the shroud has supported his view. About three hundred scientists carried out research into it and scrutinized it, and came to the conclusion that Jesus, peace be on him, was not dead while on the cross, and his wounds were bandaged, and he came out of the sepulchre alive. This discovery has, on the one hand shaken the very foundation of the crucifixion theory, the mainstay of the Christian faith, and on the other provided a bright and living proof of the truth of the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, who about sixty or seventy years before this discovery, declared that, Jesus, peace be on him, did not die on the cross. The preservation of this Shroud for such a long time, its recent discovery and the scientists' research into it, and their conclusion in support of the Promised Messiah's declaration that Jesus did not die on the cross, made 60 or 70 years before this discovery – constitute for the seekers after truth a Mighty Sign of the truth of the Promised Messiah, peace and blessing of Allah be on him."

May Allah open the eyes of our Christian friends and enable them to see the Truth, and grant them the necessary

courage to accept it, shaking off their traditional unfounded beliefs, the futility of which has now been established beyond all doubts by their own scientists. Amen!

Commenting upon the religious condition of Europe, he said that the younger generation of Europe, has now very little interest in Christianity. It is evident from the fact that few new churches are made now-a-days, and many old churches have "For Sale" boards placed in their front yards, and practically, several churches have been sold and then changed into taverns or workshops. This shows that Christianity is declining and is coming to an end in Europe. But this does not put an end to our responsibility. The decline of Christianity in Europe and Africa, has opened to us a vast field for propagation of Islam, which demands long and steady Jihad, i.e., struggle and effort. He appealed to the non-Ahmadi Muslim brothers to come forward and compete with the Ahmadi Muslims in the field of propagation of Islam, and he would, he said, congratulate them if they out-stripped the Ahmadis because of their numerical strength.

Referring to the present day difficulties of the Muslim world, and expressing his deepest grief and sorrow at the mutual rivalry and disunity among Arab countries at a time when they were to present a united front against their common enemy, he said that the reason why the Muslims had to experience these bad days is that they have ceased to study the Holy Quran, ponder over its wise guidance and instruction and act upon its life-giving teachings. In the Holy Quran God gave the Muslims the Glad Tidings, "You will have the upper hand over your enemies and be victorious if you are believers." Allah here promises superiority and victory to the Muslims, provided they are believers, in other words, they fulfill the conditions of true faith in Allah, His Book and His Prophet. God is Almighty and All-Powerful, He surely fulfills His Promises, provided the believers sincerely follow His Commandments, and make the Holy Quran the Guiding Principle in every walk of their life.



OPENING ADDRESS TO THE 24th CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN AHMADI MUSLIMS

By the Missionary-in-Charge
Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, America
A. R. Khan Bengalee

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.

At the very outset we thank Allah, Who has, by His Grace and Mercy, enabled us to assemble, for the first time in the history of the Movement, in the metropolitan of the United States, to remember and glorify Allah together and to pray and supplicate to Him in congregation, and to hear His and His Prophets' Words, and to demonstrate our brotherhood and unity, mutual love and affection, fellow-feeling and sympathy. We invoke Allah's choicest blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad through whom this Holy Brotherhood has been effected among us, as a result of which, today we, belonging to different countries and nationalities, speaking different languages, having different complexions and cultures, are embracing one another as real brothers. Allah's choicest blessings be upon his Promised Messiah, too, who has acquainted us with the lofty and exalted position of this Prophet, and the beauty and sublimity of his teachings; and has, in this age of atheism and agnosticism, filled our hearts with perfect faith in and love of Allah and His religion, Islam, by showing us His Living Face and the Living fruit of His Living Religion, Islam. We are, particularly, grateful to him for inspiring pure love and true sympathy in our hearts for all of Allah's Creatures, irrespective of creed, color, or nationality, in this age of bitter racial, national and ideological hatred. Glory be to Allah and His peace and blessings upon His Holy Prophet and His Messiah!

Dear Brethren,

Remember, this Gathering of ours is not an ordinary Gathering; it is the counterpart of the Sacred and Blessed Annual World Ahmadiyya Conference introduced by the Promised Messiah himself, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and held, formerly, at Qadian, India, and now at Rabwa, Pakistan. Regarding the importance of this Conference, the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, says:

"This Conference should not be regarded as an ordinary gathering. It is founded on special Divine Succour, and is for the exaltation of the Word of God."

Invoking blessings upon those who attend it, he says:

"I pray that Allah be with all those who undertake the journey for this Divine Gathering. May Allah reward them abundantly, have mercy upon them, solve their difficulties, remove their distresses, cares and anxieties, rid them of every trouble, open avenues for the fulfillment of their objects, and raise them in the Here-after with those of His servants whom He blesses with His Grace and Mercy."

"O God, O Possessor of Dignity and Bounty, O Merciful Lord and Solver of difficulties! Accept all these prayers!"
Amen!

Dilating on the blessings of this Conference, he says, "It provides opportunities to associate with the righteous, to listen to Divine matters and such truths and spiritual things as promote faith, certainty and Divine Knowledge, and finally, to pray together."

May Allah bless all those who have come here in response to His Call, and enable us all to make the best use of this Sacred Gathering, and derive all its blessings by being constantly absorbed in remembrance and glorification of Allah, listening to the soul-uplifting discourses, associating with the righteous and offering prayer in congregation. Amen! Amen!

**FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE
MISSIONARY-IN-CHARGE
to the 24th Annual Convention of
Ahmadi Muslims in America**

Having given a brief survey of the activities of the American Mission, in which he showed, with facts and figures, how the Jamaat has progressed commendably in finance, propagation and the spirit of sacrifice, he said:

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Conference of ours is a fresh fulfillment of the Living Word of God, revealed to the Promised Messiah (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), about ninety years ago, when he was alone and unknown, and nobody knew where Qadian, his birth place, was. At that time God said to him:

"I will make thy message reach the farthest ends of the earth."

In fulfillment of this Divine Promise his message reached the farthest ends of the earth, and today's conference is a living proof of it.

God further said to him:

"People shall come to thee from long distances."

In fulfillment of this second Promise people came to him at Qadian, while he was alive, in hundreds, and now, after his demise, people come to his Khalifa (Successor), at Rabwah, in hundreds of thousands. The last annual Conference, held at Rabwah, was attended by more than one hundred thousand people from different parts of the world. In today's Convention, which is a counterpart of that Conference, hundreds of people representing Asia, Europe, Africa and America have participated, and have thus provided a fresh fulfillment of the Divine Promise, "People shall come to thee from long distances." Such counterpart conventions are now-a-days held every year in every part of the world — Europe, Africa and Asia, and bear fresh testimonies to the truth of this mighty Prophecy.

Dear Brethren, this Convention of ours has not only demonstrated our brotherhood and our determination to serve Allah's cause unitedly and at any cost, but has also made us realize our own strength. Being scattered in handfuls in different parts of the country, we often might have thought that we are too small for the Great Work entrusted to us. But this Gathering today has made us realize that we are not too small; we are, at least, as many as the early Muslims were before they migrated to Medina or even when they encountered the enemy of truth at the battle of Badr. If that handful of believers could fight successfully the big forces of evil and bring about a great and sublime revolution in the world, we, too, can do the same, provided of course, we have the same faith, the same spirit of sacrifice, the same discipline and implicit obedience to authorities, and the same determination to follow one lead. May Allah grant that when we leave this convention, we leave it with a firmer faith in Allah's help and succour, greater spirit of sacrifice for Allah's cause, and stronger determination to follow implicitly the lead of Allah's Khalifa of the time! Amen!

Dear Brothers & Sisters of the New World,

Allah has, through His Grace, enabled you to realize the truth and beauty of Islam and to accept it. Now it is your foremost duty to live Islam and to propagate it. By granting you material prosperity, much more than He has given your co-religionists in other parts of the world, Allah has given you an opportunity, and, at the same time, laid you under an obligation, to serve His Cause better than others. So, please, realize your position and your responsibility, and carry out your sacred obligation, and prove yourselves grateful servants of Allah by serving His Cause better than others.

But remember, at the same time, that while Allah has granted you material prosperity, He has put you into a trial, too, by placing you in a very immoral environment and

spiritually unwholesome surroundings. You live in an atmosphere surcharged with inordinate desire for wealth and power and indulgence in sensual gratification. You live in a society given to drinking, dancing, gambling, music, using dopes and narcotics, free mingling of the sexes, dating and premarital and promiscuous sexual union, wearing mini-skirts and other demonstration of nudity. You have to guard yourselves against all these evils. You have to be as cautious and clever as the snake which, though living in the mud, keeps itself pure of the mud, and does not at all allow the mud to stick to its body. So, while living in a polluted society, you have to keep yourselves pure of all its filth like a snake. But you have, at the same time, to be as innocent as the dove, doing no harm to anybody, and be as useful as the cow, giving the milk of spiritual knowledge to all. Further, you are not only to keep yourselves pure of the impurities of the environment, but have to change the environment itself. Here you can derive inspiration from your compatriots who have, by their efforts, changed your bad physical environment into a physical paradise. But they ignored the bad spiritual environment, and left it, perhaps, under Divine design, for you. Now you are to transform this bad spiritual environment into a spiritual paradise, and thus make your country a veritable Paradise on earth. To do it, you have to put forth continuous and steadfast efforts — by enjoining good and forbidding evil, but wisely and in a kindly and goodly manner; by training your children in Islamic ways of life; by establishing Islamic culture in your family; by showing example of giving preference to spiritual matters, over matters material, to the Hereafter over the Here.

The followers of the First Messiah, Jesus, peace be on him, have in this age, entirely forgotten his blessed teaching, "Man cannot live by bread alone," and are now wholly and solely given to seeking bread alone. You, being the followers of his Counterpart, the Second Messiah, who has fulfilled in his person the Prophecy of his Second Coming, should revive this golden teaching of his by living by the spirit, which means reliance upon Allah, constant remembrance of and supplication to Him, and dedication of life to the service of His Faith and creatures, for this Second Messiah, too, has taken a Covenant from you to give preference and precedence to matters religious and spiritual over matters worldly and material.

The followers of the First Messiah, the Messiah of the Mosaic Dispensation, have discovered the wonderful powers of matter, e.g., atomic and nuclear energies. While we congratulate them on these discoveries of theirs, we regret that they

have awfully neglected the power of the spirit, as a result of which these discoveries of theirs are likely to bring their own ruin and destruction. So, you, the followers of the Second Messiah, the Messiah of the Islamic Dispensation, are to demonstrate to the world the Marvellous Power of Prayer and Supplication and of the Spirit of Holiness — of Holy and Righteous Life, lost in the love of God, and in union with Him, and imbued with His attributes and power. They have travelled far into the physical space, but have gained nothing substantial, except experiencing its unlimited voidness, but you are travelling into the limitless spiritual space, and are progressively experiencing Divine Existence and increasingly attaining Divine propinquity and pleasure, being blessed with true dreams, visions and inspirations and answers to your calls. They have reached the physical moon — we appreciate their successful effort in reaching there — but have brought from there only some particles of dust. You are to reach the depths of the spiritual moon, the Blessed Quran, and find, and, I dare say, you are finding, precious pearls of Divine Knowledge and spiritual truths.

Dear Brethren, let me remind you again, you are to bring about a moral and spiritual revolution in your environment, nay, in the whole world. You have been raised for the good of mankind, so says your Lord God, regarding you, in the Holy Quran. So realize your high dignity and lofty position, and behave and act accordingly. You owe a great obligation to the great multitude amongst whom you live. They badly need your help and guidance. "Islam consists of two-fold duties — duties to God and duties to His creatures," says the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him. Here are millions of Allah's creatures, who, in spite of tremendous material progress, are receding further and further away from their Lord and Heavenly Father, and consequently, drawing nearer and nearer to perdition and destruction. So they are badly in need of your help. But to help them, you have, first, to mold your own lives strictly in accordance with the Principles and Practices of Islam, and present before them an ideal of Islamic Life, a life of perfect purity and chastity, piety and righteousness, fraternity and unity, universal love and sympathy — a life devoted to the service of mankind; you have to be inspired with the same true love for your fellow compatriots, with which a mother is inspired for her children. Without such a love you cannot have the necessary inspiration to serve; you cannot have that spirit of sacrifice which is essential to save a drowning person. And you cannot attain that true love except through prayer. So pray to Allah, saying, "O Lord, fill our hearts with true love for Thy creatures. Grant that we love them even as we love our own children. Purify our hearts of all spite and hate. Grant that

we bear no malice against any of our fellow beings on account of differences in color, race, creed or culture. O Heavenly Father, Grant that we embrace all human beings as our real brothers, and let us strive to the best of our capacities for the good of entire mankind, and serve them all, irrespective of cast, creed or color. Amen!

But remember that the greatest service you can do to your fellow-beings today is to present Islam — Its Benign Teachings to them, for in it lies their salvation as well as the solution of all their baffling problems — social and economic, moral and spiritual, national and international. They are rushing headlong to the pit of destruction, and you are to save them. If you can save a single soul, it will not only bring you abundant reward in the Here-after, but will also give you a delight and pleasure here which no millionaire can derive by possessing millions and billions of dollars, or by watching television in a palatial edifice.

But to save others' lives, one has to be alive, healthy and strong oneself. To be spiritually alive, healthy and strong:

- (1) You have to be constantly in touch with the life-giving Word of God — you have to read it (its Arabic Texts, too, for those are the Blessed Words actually coming out of His Mouth), day and night, ponder over its teachings and act upon them.
- (2) You have to draw nourishment from the Sayings of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.
- (3) You have to draw inspiration by drinking deep from the Fountain of Spiritual Milk contained in the writings of the Holy Prophet's Spiritual Son, the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.
- (4) You have to be firmly attached to the Khalifa (Spiritual Head) of the time and seek the blessing of his prayer by frequently writing to him.
- (5) You have to keep company with the righteous, and, rest assured, none is more righteous in the world now than your brothers in faith. So you have to come in contact with your brethren, by meeting them frequently in their houses, by attending Friday Services, Sunday Meetings and other functions, and by trying to offer each of the Five Daily Prayers in Congregation.
- (6) You have to fight in the Way of Allah with your money, by contributing, if possible, 10%, or at least 7% of your income, as prescribed by your Spiritual Leader, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih, for the propagation of Islam all over the world. You are also expected to

participate in the other Schemes, e.g. Tahrik-i-Jadid, Nusrat Jahan Reserve Fund, made by your Leader for the same Holy Purpose. This monetary sacrifice is the "Jihad" (Holy War) of this Age, as declared by the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and his Successor, Allah's help and Succour be with him.

- (7) You have to fight in the Way of Allah with your life, too, that is to say, by sacrificing your time, comfort and energy in the propagation of Islam. For, Allah says, "Fight in the Way of Allah with your wealth and life." But, as there will be no physical fighting for religion in this Age, fighting in the way of Allah with life means sacrificing time, comfort and energy in the propagation of Islam.
- (8) Finally, you have to be constantly absorbed in prayer and supplication. Illustrating the efficacy of prayer, the Promised Messiah, peace and blessing of Allah be on him says:

"The Marvellous event that took place in the desert of Arabia that hundreds of thousands of the dead were brought to life in a very short time; that the corrupt for generations were imbued with Divine attributes; that the blind were blessed with sight, and the dumb uttered words of Divine Knowledge; and that such a great revolution was brought about as no eye had ever seen before and no ear had ever heard — do you know how it came about? It was the prayers offered in the dark nights by one lost in God that brought about this revolution in the world, and accomplished such marvellous deeds as appeared impossible of achievement by that unlettered helpless one."

(Barkat-ut-Doa, p. 6)

Dear Friends, these are the spiritual foods and drinks which will not only keep us spiritually alive, healthy and strong, but will enable us to give life to others. May Allah grant that we can partake of all these spiritual foods and drinks, and being alive ourselves, be the source of life for others!

May Allah, through our humble efforts and His Grace, spiritually quicken the inhabitants of this country, and make it, as wished by late Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II in his Message to the Ahmadi Muslims of America in their Second Convention in this country, "A strong-hold of God, and His True and Living Religion, Islam, which is truly represented in this age by Ahmadiyyat!" Amen!

Lastly, remember, Brethren, to fight a battle, one has to make some preparations — have some arms and ammunitions. Now, to fight the battle of Islam, Our Leader has commanded us to gird up your loins with the girdle of monthly subscription at the rate of, at least, 7% of our net income, to be armed with the sword of “Tahrik-i-Jadid,” equipped with the weapon of “Nusrat Jahan Reserve Fund,” and reinforced by the Auxiliaries of the Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya, the Ansarullah and the Lajna Imaullah Organizations. So let us be well-equipped with all these arms and ammunitions, and Victory shall be ours, Insha-Allah. Amen!



HOW TO PROLONG LIFE

Promised Messiah

“If one wants to prolong one’s life, one should enjoin good and also do good to God’s creatures. When God finds a man desirous of doing good to His creatures, God grants him capacity to do so, and prolongs his life. The more one turns to God, and shows kindness to God’s creatures, the longer is one’s life prolonged . . . On the contrary, the more one becomes indifferent to God and His creatures, then God, too, becomes indifferent to him. If man does dedicate his life to God, and does not make himself useful to His creatures, he is a useless and worthless being; cattle are better than him because they are of use to man. But if man, being the best of creation, is not useful to humanity, he becomes the worst of creation. God says, ‘If man does not obey the Commandment of the Exalted God and does not do good to His creatures, he is worse than animal, and the worst of creation.’ ”

(Malfuzat, Vol.I, p. 9)

WHAT HAJJ (PILGRIMAGE) IS AND UPON WHOM IT IS INCUMBENT

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II
(Second Successor of the Promised Messiah)



KHALIFATUL MASIH II

Hajj is one of the important pillars of Islam. It is incumbent upon all those who are physically and financially able to undertake the journey for it.

Hajj fosters the feeling of unity among Muslims, who are provided with and opportunity to think and ponder over their own needs and those of the rest of the world. It also provides an opportunity to see one another's good points and excellences and an inspiration to imbibe them. It promotes mutual love and the feeling of brotherhood.

In my opinion, the greatest virtuous deed for the rich today, is to perform Pilgrimage, because in spite of having wealth they do not perform it. Most of those who perform Pilgrimage are poor people upon whom it is not incumbent. When I had been to Mecca on a Pilgrimage, a pilgrim came to me, and asked some monetary help. My maternal grandfather who was with me asked him why he had come to perform pilgrimage when he had no money. He said that he had much money, but all that he had, had been exhausted. My grandfather then asked him how much money he had. He said he had 35 rupees. Now, to him thirty-five rupees was a big sum. But among Muslims there are many who have thirty-five thousand rupees, nay, thirty-five hundred thousand rupees, still they do not perform pilgrimage. There are many poor people who perform pilgrimage. They go on saving little by little throughout their lives, and when it amounts to some hundreds, they start for Pilgrimage.

So, for the rich, to perform Pilgrimage is a great virtue, since most of them neglect it. There are many officials, who think of going on Pilgrimage after retirement, but they do not take into consideration the possibility of their not having the necessary health and vigor after retirement to go on a Pilgrimage. Most of the officials, after retirement, become too ill to perform Pilgrimage.

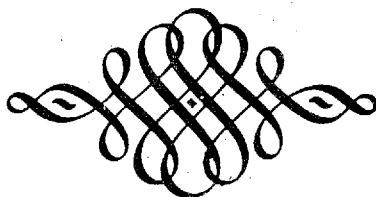
Again, there are some businessmen who, due to business, defer Pilgrimage to every following year. They should know

that the business of this world never comes to an end. So, whenever they have the capacity, they should perform it as early as possible.

Without a pious and righteous motive, Pilgrimage, too, is no meritorious deed. While at Mecca on Pilgrimage, I saw a young man reciting a very indecent love poem, instead of glorifying God. On our way back home, he happened to be on the same ship in which I was journeying, I asked him why he had gone on Pilgrimage, as he was not glorifying God when performing the rites of Pilgrimage. He said, "In my country most people buy things from the shop of pilgrims. In front of my shop there is a shop, the owner of which has recently performed Pilgrimage, and has a sign board fixed at his shop, telling that this is a Pilgrim's shop. The result is that he has attracted all customers, and all those who used to buy things from my shop, now go to his shop. So my father advised me to perform Pilgrimage, and then to have a similar signboard affixed to my shop. This is why I went on a Pilgrimage." Now, can such a pilgrimage be a virtuous deed? Not to speak of being a virtuous deed, it will be an act of sin.

So, even when doing a religious work, one should have a pious motive, otherwise it will bring no reward, rather, incur the displeasure of God. If one performs Pilgrimage to be honored by people, or as a customary practice, or to be called by people "Al-Hajj," one will even lose the faith one already had.

In short, Hajj or Pilgrimage can be beneficial to one, only when one performs it out of love and fear of God. If one goes there with a sincere heart, one will return with a treasure of faith. On the contrary, if one goes there without a sincere heart, one will lose the faith one already had.



THE HEAD OF THE COMMUNITY HAZRAT KHALIFATUL-MASIH III'S HISTORIC TOUR OVER WEST AFRICA

Having visited Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia and Gambia, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih visited Sierraleon. Here at Bo, on May 9, 1971, he laid the foundation of the Central Ahmadiyya Mosque. On this occasion, speaking on the utility of the Mosque, he said that the Mosque is a great means of bringing about unity, equality and fraternity among Muslims. On the same day, he was given a reception which was attended by a large number of distinguished citizens and dignitaries. He visited the Ahmadiyya Secondary School and presided over the prize distribution ceremony of the school. Having distributed the prizes, he gave a very instructive and inspiring address to the students. A large group of students of the neighboring Ahmadiyya schools also came to Bo on this occasion to see and hear their Spiritual Leader.

Having completed his tour of Africa, he left for Europe and landed at Amsterdam where he was received by Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, President International Court of Justice and the Missionaries and members of the Holland Jamat. The Imams of the Zurich and Frankfurt Mosques also came to Amsterdam to receive him.

From Holland he went to London where he inaugurated the newly built Mission House called the Mahmud Hall, the foundation of which was also laid by him on July 30, 1967. The Mission House consists of a big Hall, an office room and three flats for residential purposes.

On May 25, he flew from London to Madrid; the capital of Spain, where he stayed one week, visiting the historical places of Cordova, Granada, etc., places which still bear eloquent testimony to the glorious Muslim Rule in Spain. During his stay in Spain he abundantly recited "Darood" (invocation of blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad), and fervently prayed for the revival of the Glory of Islam in that country. In the course of his prayer, he asked Allah saying, "O Allah, what will happen to Spain?" In response he received the glad tidings that Allah has power over every thing and the condition of Spain will be better at the appointed time, i.e., the Spaniards will accept Islam in future. During this visit he remarked:

"Former Muslims entered Spain with the sword, and the effect of the conquest by sword is evident (i.e., not permanent), and now we have entered Spain with the Holy Quran, and the conquest by the Quran shall not be effaced by any power."

An African Girl Adopted as Daughter by the Present Head of the Ahmadiyya Community

During his historical tour over Africa, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III adopted a four year old girl of Sierraleon as his daughter. This girl has now become a member of the Blessed Family, and accompanies Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih and his Family, as an integral part of the Family, wherever they go. Blessed be Islam and Ahmadiyyat and its Khalifa, and blessed be the child who has become a living proof of Islamic equality and dignity of humanity demonstrated by the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community.

SOME FRESH INSTANCES OF POWER OF PRAYER

Miraculous Cure by Ahmadi Doctors

Under Nusrat Jahan Scheme, a hospital has been set up at Techiman, Ghana, where there has already been one old Roman Catholic hospital and one Mission Hospital. The Roman Catholic hospital discharged some patients, declaring them as incurable. These disappointed patients came to our hospital for treatment. Our doctor started treating them with prayer. By the Grace of Allah, most of them have recovered, and have thus become a living sign of healing through prayer of the followers of the Second Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

It is God Who Cures, Medicine Only a Means

In one of his recent discourses, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that once at Qadian a student had a severe colic pain and was screaming and shrieking. No doctor was available. Hazrat Mirza Sharif Ahmad Sahib, Allah be pleased with him, youngest son of the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, made a pill of paper, prayed upon it, and made the boy swallow it with water. No sooner had the pill reached the stomach, the pain was completely off. "The pill of paper," said Hazrat, "was no medicine for colic pain, but with the Command of Allah, it worked as a medicine, and removed the pain. It is God Who cures, medicine is only a means that produces effect only under Divine Command. We have to use medicine, whatever is available, because the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, says, "Every malady has a remedy, but at the same time we are told not to depend upon medicine; we are to pray to Allah Who is the creator of medicine and under Whose command medicine acts, so that He may bless the medicine we take with curative power and effect."

Food for 80 Persons Suffices for 200

During Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih's recent trip to Islamabad, the Capital of Pakistan, the local Jamaat invited him to a dinner, and prepared food for 80 persons expected. But a lot of Ahmadies from the neighboring Jamaats came to see his Hazrat, and, as a result, the number of guests increased to 200. "We have a lot of guests, will the food be sufficient for all?" said Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih to the Ameer, who relying on Allah's Grace, said, "Insha-Allah, it will be sufficient," although food was prepared for 80 persons only. Allah so blessed the food that it proved sufficient not only for more than 200 people, but there was some surplus too. This is a living sign of Allah's blessing upon the servant of the servant of the Promised Messiah. A servant of his Khalifa — no Companion, no Khalifa — relying on Allah, says that the food prepared for 80 persons will be sufficient for 200, and actually it suffices more than 200 people, nay, leaves a surplus, too. Blessed is Allah's Messiah, his Khalifa and his follower. Alhamdulillah.

Condolence to the President of Liberia

On the demise of Mr. Tubman, the President of Liberia, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih, who was very much impressed, during his last visit, by his toleration in religion, care for his subjects and sympathetic attitude towards the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, sent a telegram to the Foreign Minister and the new President expressing deepest condolence and sympathy to the bereaved family and the people of Liberia. "In his demise," said Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih, "the state of Liberia has lost a great patriot and the nation a builder."

Idols Burnt by Idolators

Recently some idolators of Africa have accepted Ahmadiyyat or True Islam. Inspired with zeal for "Tauhid" — absolute Unity of God — they have burnt all the idols which once they used to worship. Such is the force of the recognition of the One True God!

Three Events of Acceptance of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III's Prayer (1)

During his recent illness Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih himself and the Jamat had been praying fervently for his perfect recovery. On the night between June 27 and 29, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih heard some words of a verse of the Holy Quran, and saw in a state of perfect waking the following words inscribed on a wall:

“Daman-e-Rahmat-e-Haq Tari Aziyyat Ura Ker lay giya.”

i.e., “The Mercy of God has blown away thy trouble.” By the grace of Allah, from that time onward his health went on improving until by the end of August he was all right.

(2)

Concerned over a litigation in connection with his landed property, he was praying for success in the case. One night when he was going to the bath, he heard a voice in his right ear, as if, someone was standing there, and saying.

“Huzoor Mubarak howay.” i.e., “I congratulate your Hazrat, on your success.” Hearing this voice, he turned to the right, but saw none. However, this voice produced a state of satisfaction in his heart, and the next day he came to know the decision of the court was in his favor.

(3)

One sister of West Africa wrote to him that in spite of passing 37 years of her married life, no child had been born to her. She however, requested his Hazrat to pray that she might be blessed with a child. So he prayed for her, and through his prayer, Allah has blessed her with a son 40 years after her marriage. Glory be to Allah, and blessed be His chosen ones! Amen!

SUGGESTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY FINDS PLACE IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF RELIGIONS FOR PEACE

The finds of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, Kyoto, Japan, Oct. 16-21, 1970, have been published in the form of a booklet. It is gratifying to note that the suggestion made on behalf of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam by our able representative, Major Abdul Hamid, has been incorporated in the findings. It appears on Page 17 as paragraph 9, under the heading, "Disarmament," and reads as follows:

"We recommend that international disputes between countries be resolved by peaceful means through the machinery of the United Nations. But should the peaceful means fail and any country refuse to implement the decisions of the United Nations, the latter should be adequately equipped to use force, if necessary, as a last resort, until such country accepts the decision of the United Nations."



THE BLESSED MONTH OF RAMADAN (FASTING) IS APPROACHING

The Holy Month of Ramadan is approaching with its blessings. This year it falls on October 21 and Eidul-Fitr on November 19. Let us welcome it with loving hearts and open arms, and with prayer that Allah may, through His Grace, enable us all to show due respect and honor to this Sacred Month, and observe it in the right manner, and derive all the blessings it offers. Amen!

This is the Month in which the Holy Quran started being revealed, and in which the angel Gabriel recited the Holy Quran to the Holy Prophet every year.

And this is the month regarding which Allah says to the Holy Prophet, in the Holy Quran:

"When my servants (having observed fast) ask of thee about Me, tell them that I am near, I respond to the call of the caller when he calls Me."

And this is the Month concerning which Allah further told the Holy Prophet that every act of worship has a reward of its own, but of Ramadan, He Himself is the reward, that is to say, the observer of fast is rewarded with His nearness, friendship and pleasure.

So let us pray to Allah, and fervently, that Allah, through His Grace, enable us to observe Fast perfectly and derive all its blessings, namely:

1. Descent upon us of the Holy Spirit.
2. Special acceptance of our prayer.
3. Nearness, friendship and pleasure of Allah.

As Allah promises special acceptance of prayer offered in this Month, we should pray abundantly, and pray, among other things, for the early Victory of Islam, i.e., establishment of universal peace and security, harmony and good will, love and sympathy, and above all, righteousness and piety.

Some Particulars of Ramadan

It is one of the Five Pillars (Fundamentals) of Islam. It consists in abstaining from even lawful food and drink and lawful sexual intercourse, going unto one's wife, from dawn until sunset. It is incumbent upon every adult, but there is concession for the sick, those on travel and women during the period of menstruation. Such people shall fast the equal number of days on other occasions.

Old people and those who are too weak to fast except with risk to their health, and pregnant and suckling women, may not fast. For them there is an expiation, namely, feeding a poor man for each day of not fasting, according to one's own standard of food.

Fasting should also be accompanied by abstinence from all evils. "If a person observing fast does not give up telling lies and other evil practices, Allah does not care for his going without food and drink," says the Holy Prophet.

Ramadan and Fitrana

One essential part of Fasting is Fitrana (charity of fasting), without it Fasting is not complete. It is to be paid on behalf of every member of the family, including the child in the womb of the mother. The rate prescribed by our Jamat here, in accordance with the principle of Islam, is 50 cents per head.

Fitrana should be paid up before the Eid. May Allah enable us all to fulfil this obligation! Amen!

CONDITIONS OF INITIATION INTO AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT

Laid Down By its Founder

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him)

The initiate shall solemnly promise:

- I. That he shall abstain from Shirk (association of any partner with God), right up to the day of his death.
- II. That he shall keep away from falsehood, fornication, adultery, trespasses of the eye, debauchery, dissipation, cruelty, dishonesty, mischief and rebellion; and will not permit himself to be carried away by passions, however strong they may be.
- III. That he shall regularly offer the five daily prayers in accordance with the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet; and shall try his best to be regular in offering the Tahajjud (pre-dawn supererogatory prayer) and invoking Darud (blessings) on the Holy Prophet; that he shall make it his daily routine to ask forgiveness for his sins, to remember the bounties of God and to praise and glorify Him.
- IV. That under the impulse of any passion, he shall cause no harm whatsoever to the creatures of Allah, in general, and Muslims, in particular, neither by his tongue nor by his hands nor by any other means.
- V. That he shall remain faithful to God in all circumstances of life, in sorrow and happiness, adversity and prosperity, in felicity and trials; and shall in all conditions remain resigned to the decree of Allah and keep himself ready to face all kinds of indignities and sufferings in His way and shall never turn away from it at the onslaught of any misfortune; on the contrary, he shall march forward.
- VI. That he shall refrain from following Un-Islamic customs and lustful inclinations, and shall completely submit himself to the Authority of the Holy Quran; and shall make the Word of God and the Sayings of the Holy Prophet the guiding principle in every walk of his life.

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